

**MEETING OF THE RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Rushville Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG:

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

Public Hearing Levee Recertification - Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing in regard to a DR2 Disaster Recovery Grant to recertify the levee. Pavey asked for questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported:

1. Thanked everyone that helped with the Mayor's 5K Run/Walk. He said we had 190 participants.
2. Received a thank you from Carole Yeend for the help for the Arbor Day celebration. 600 tree seedlings were given out.
3. The Mayor's Round Table meeting and train ride from Connersville to Laurel was a big success.
4. The Library had their fund raiser kickoff.
5. We were notified that we were awarded the Ocra grant for the Library feasibility study.
6. Duke Energy asked that we remove some trees along Fort Wayne Road. They will be replaced either with smaller trees or in a new location.
7. Poles have been removed in VFW parking lot. We may start directing semi parking in this area.
8. Thanked Animal Control Warden Moran for her efforts to save Arrow the cat.
9. The CSO meeting on April 29th went well. We sent a follow up letter to IDEM thanking them. We will be formalizing the date change.
10. Attended the Young Entrepreneurs program.
11. McCane and Mayor Pavey took part in the Retention and Expansion Program making visits to several businesses last week.
12. The Heart of Rushville has re-scheduled the roast to July 13.

13. May 10 there will be a meeting with EIDD on SEDS.
14. The circus will be in Rushville on May 15.
15. The Cadets will be here May 18th to cleanup Riverside Park.
16. May 27 there will be a Memorial Day Program and Procession.
17. May 30th there will be an Ocra community meeting on SEDS at 6:00 p.m. at Riverpoint.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Received a nice email from a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio stating how impressed they were with our community. They also invited us to their community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater** –
2. **Comprehensive Plan** –
3. **Trash Sub Committee** – Reviewing.
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** -
5. **APC/BZA Building Code** – Berkemeier said he hopes to have something in next couple of weeks.
6. **Utility Board/BW/CC Working Committee** – Met today with John Skomp, Butch Singleton, Brian Bess, Les Day, and Craig Smith. Skomp addressed different options for the City to consider. A meeting will be scheduled.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Fire – Chief Jenkins said they will be having live fire training at the training facility the rest of this week.

The Unsafe Hearing Board discussed the Harvey property on Arthur Street. They will be removing the blocks from the facility and securing the buildings. The attorney for the finance company attended the meeting and we will meet again in 30 days to discuss a plan.

Jenkins said he was given permission to set up a time to have an engineer inspect the Neeb building.

Police – Chief Tucker said the new vehicle has arrived. The equipment will be installed in the new Tahoe next week.

Chief Tucker and Communication Officer Gurley attended a seminar hosted by Homeland Security on communication and mutual aid.

Street – Councilman Smith said he would like to thank the Street Department for work they did at the Veterans' bridge entrance.

Animal – Received a letter of resignation from Mike Jessup. The Board of Works gave permission to advertise to hire a part time employee.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: Councilman Bridges said he tried to make contact with Marvin Amison who appeared at the last meeting, but Amison has not returned his call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **I.P. Phone System Recommendation** – The Board of Works approved the quote from Nine Star for the new phone system. The various offices will be phased in, beginning with the ones that currently have fiber. We will add phones as needed. 25% will be paid and then 25% can be paid quarterly for a total amount of \$22,796.08. Jarman said he expects a savings when fully implemented of about \$10,000.00 per year. Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Nine Star. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Blue Ribbon Dedication** – The Area Plan Commission has approved the Street Dedication for Blue Ribbon Estates. We will sign off on this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Trane CF1 Approval** – Greg Harcourt appeared before Council to ask for approval of their Compliance for Statement of Benefits for Tax Abatement. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1's. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Police Department Retention Program** – The Board of Works approved the corporate membership with Anytime Fitness.

Tucker said they will be implementing a voluntary fitness program. It will be Incentive based in the beginning. They will be able to bank their time working out and will receive an additional day off. The program will begin next year. Bridges

made a motion to allow the Police Department to move forward with this portion of the retention program. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pavey congratulated Chief Tucker on his 1 hour 45 minute mini-marathon run.

3. **Brownfield Grant Application** – John McCane asked council for their consideration to apply for a Brownfield Grant of up to \$600,000. This would include the City, County & the Town of Carthage. This will create an inventory for economic development so we will know what issues are there. The money will be used for assessment only; it cannot be used for cleanup. McCane said this will help us find out where the problems are. There is no match required. Smith made a motion to apply for the grant. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC Update – McCane reported:

- There will be a meeting on the micro loan program this Thursday.
- The new ECDC website should be up this time next week.
- We have a new ECDC member.
- The North Industrial Park documents are being reviewed by the EDA to make sure everything is in place. McCane said hopefully we are winding down and getting ready to bid out the project.

CLAIMS APPROVAL – Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR
MEMBER

ROBERT M. BRIDGES,

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER